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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended in the present communication to more clearly recite a user-initiated request for call transfer, i.e., one that is affirmatively requested by a human operator of a first communication unit. For example, as stated in page 5, lines 28-31 of applicant's specification, a mobile party may invoke a transfer request by entering a code (e.g., *88), pressing a button, using a point-and-click method or generally any appropriate user interface available to the mobile party.

It was suggested by the Examiner that, should the applicant file an RCE and amend the claims as presented herein, the amended claims would patentably distinguish over the Huomo publication (US 2003/0022671) applied in the parent application but the amended claims will require a further search.

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